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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS The market tone on frozen 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady. No trading was reported for prompt shipment. Sales of fresh and frozen hens and toms for out front shipments reported. Demand was light to moderate with most interest noted for deferred shipments. Parts and meats trading was slow to moderate. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings are in a full range.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS Trading centered on moderate volume of tom drums and small volumes of tails and mechanically separated turkey, balance slow. Demand was very light to moderate, many buyers continue to be cautious and selective toward the market. Some processors reporting difficulty in procuring space in cold storages nearby the plant due to some being full of other proteins.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **FEBRUARY 16, 2006**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-66	-	-	-	71.00	672	AUG	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-66	-	-	-	71.00	1,400	AUG	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	65-66	-	-	-	71.00	280	AUG	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	65-66	-	-	-	71.00	180	AUG	-	-
WESTERN REGION	65-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	65-66	-	-	-	68.00	400	APR	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	65-66	-	-	-	68.00	400	APR	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	65-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 17, 2006

	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	65.50**	65.50	64.90**
CENTRAL REGION	65.50**	65.50**	65.00
WESTERN REGION	66.00**	66.50**	65.80**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	65.50**	66.00**	62.50**
CENTRAL REGION	65.50**	65.50**	62.00**
WESTERN REGION	66.00**	66.50**	63.00**

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	67-72
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	67-72
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	67-80

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	104-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	104-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	104-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	104-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	102-129

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS

(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of Feb 20, 2005

Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
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PRICED AT TIME OF SALE

8-16 lbs.	82.42	69,000
16-24 lbs.	82.00	10,000

PRICE TO BE DETERMINED

8-16 lbs.	--	10,000
16-24 lbs.	--	10,000

Total Volume:	99,000
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TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 11-Feb-2006 (Preliminary)

		YOUNG TURKEYS		TOTAL TURKEYS		
		PCT	AVG	OLD	AVG	
		CHG	LIVE	BANDED	LIVE	
-THOUSAND HEAD-	PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT		
North East	752	31	24.72	(A)	753	24.72
South Atlantic	659	11	34.65	(A)	660	34.65
North Central	1,871	-6	34.25	(A)	1,872	34.25
South Central	705	-4	19.25	(A)	706	19.25
West	233	-10	28.72	(A)	234	28.72
U.S. total	4,220(B)	2	29.81	5	4,225	29.81

To-date

2006 24,317(B) 29 24,346

To-date

2005 24,648(B) 25 24,673

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 14,000; for the current year to date 119,000; for last year to date 172,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

January	428,048*
February 1 - 11, 2006	160,472*

To date 2006 588,520*

To date 2005 600,234*

* Preliminary

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

	YOUNG		YOUNG OLD	TOTAL	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	TURKEYS	
	Thousands				
W/E 11-Feb-2006					
Head	1,777	2,429	14	5	4,225
Avg Wt	16.82	39.32	27.59	30.55	29.81
Last week	1,748	2,390	8	0	4,146
Same wk yr ago	1,539	2,489	9	1	4,038
Avg Wt	15.98	38.89	28.62	52.17	27.98
To-date/2006	9,548	14,650	119	29	24,346
To-date/2005	9,333	15,143	172	25	24,673

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT. INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 16 FEBRUARY 2006.

The market tone on tom breast meat was steady with increased confidence starting to be noted, breast trim steady to barely steady, wing meat and scapula steady to fully steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of breast trim adequate to fully adequate, tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins mostly adequate, scapula and wing meat with skin light. The market tone on fresh thigh meat was mostly steady with spot premiums noted on part loads due to freight considerations, frozen steady to barely steady. Demand on fresh thigh meat was light to instances moderate, non-Russian frozen thigh meat light at best. Offerings of fresh thigh meat light to adequate, frozen thigh meat adequate to instances ample. Trading moderate on fresh -20% mechanically separated turkey, balance slow. For domestic (fresh): tom wings 25, wing meat with skin 75, scapula 116, breast trim 118-129 mostly 118-122 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	113.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	158.00		158.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	101.00		101.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	43.00	22
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	41.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	42.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	26.00		26.00	18
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	28.00	27
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	39.00	100
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	112.00	12
NECKS, TOM	34.00-35.00		34.44	58
NECKS, HEN		T	36.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		W	163.00	20
THIGH MEAT	95.00		95.00	20
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	96.00-99.00		97.17	138
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	117.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT		F	108.33	60
TENDERLOINS		F	158.00	2
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	155.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	158.00		158.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	70.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	20.00-23.00		21.18	281
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	42.50		42.50	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	31.29	1,092
TAILS		W	34.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	19.43	188
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	90.00-94.50		91.96	92

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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The market tone on fresh tom breast meat was steady to instances fully steady, frozen tom breast meat mixed ranging from barely steady to fully steady. Demand on fresh tom breast meat light to mostly moderate, frozen light. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat short to adequate, frozen light to instances fully adequate. The market tone on tom drums, full-cut wings and necks was steady to fully steady with full-cut wings strongest; tom 2-joint wings steady to barely steady. Demand in a full-range, mostly light to moderate. Offerings of tom 2-joint wings adequate to fully adequate, balance light to adequate. Some industry members note problems finding suitable cold storage due to other sluggish commodities. Trading was active on white meat for domestic shipments, moderate on tom drums for export, balance slow. For domestic: fresh wing meat 81, fresh scapula 112-122 mostly 114-118, Grade A basted breasts - 8-10 lb. 120, 12-16 lb. 140-165, plant grade breasts - non-basted 16-18 lb. 170, basted 20-24 lb. 165 cents delivered. for export: fresh thigh meat 93, tom wings (Russian) 28.50, frozen thigh meat (Russian) 102 cents delivered.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	113.00	80		
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	158.00	20	151.50	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	101.00	40	101.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	43.00-44.00		43.85	65	43.85	65
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	44.00		44.00	40	42.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	42.00		42.00	20	42.00	46
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	25.00-27.00		26.60	50	26.55	128
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	28.00		28.00	20	28.00	47
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	40.00		40.00	40	40.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	112.00		112.00	20	112.00	32
NECKS, TOM	35.00		35.00	80	34.33	227
NECKS, HEN		T	36.00	6	36.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	158.00-163.00		159.38	260	159.38	260
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	159.00-164.00		161.71	715	161.65	775
THIGH MEAT		R	95.00	20	95.00	20
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	96.00		96.00	25	96.34	243
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	117.00	80	117.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT	109.00-110.00		109.77	43	109.77	43
TENDERLOINS		F	158.00	2		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	155.00	40	155.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	70.00		70.00	40	70.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	160.00		160.00	37	158.96	77
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	21.00-24.00		21.68	40	21.19	421
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	43.00-44.00		43.66	236	43.02	756
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	31.29	1,092	31.29	1,092
TAILS	37.00		37.00	40	34.62	148
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00		19.00	40	19.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	91.96	92	92.88	132

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